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## Resident's anger over cropped shrubs

The shrubs at Wolverton

COUNCIL staff have been labelled "vandals" for cutting back shrubs in Wolverton, Skelmersdale.

Ron Webster has said the birds now have nowhere to nest after the workmen cut back the shrubs in his neighbourhood.

He said: "Here at Wolverton, we have shrub borders, as does many other estates in Skelmersdale.

"Our shrubs were sawn to the stump last year but 12 months on twigs were seen to grow again. Now the same council gang has arrived and sawn off all the twigs, which took 12 months to grow, down to the stump again."

A council spokesman commented: "The council reduced these and other shrubs significantly in 2015 to remove dead and decaying wood, in-order to promote new growth.

"This current pruning season the teams responsible are back to the regular pattern of pruning to help keep these shrubs healthy.

"The council can in certain cases leave some shrubs to grow taller. Requests to do this are considered on an individual basis and this will be looked into in advance of next year's pruning works.

"In addition during any pruning works care has to be taken to ensure there is no encroachment of pedestrianised footways and or any car parking bays."

# THE HARD WORK STARTS NOW!

Report by **Henry James**

## Council economic chief welcomes High Court victory over town-centre redevelopment scheme but warns there is still some way to go

**WEST Lancs Council's economic development and regeneration champion has warned that there is still some way to go before the vision of a new town centre is delivered for Skelmersdale.**

Councillor Frank McKenna was talking after a High Court Judge rejected a legal challenge by Concourse shopping centre bosses to the council-backed St Modwen scheme for the redevelopment of the town centre.

Councillor McKenna said: "We can rightly celebrate a significant victory in our ambition to regenerate Skelmersdale's town centre with the High Court judicial review victory secured this week. However, the hard work starts now.

"Partners from the public and private sectors, the borough council, Lancashire County Council, the HCA and the developer St Modwen, need to demonstrate a clear plan of action to progress the project quickly now.

"To attract the retail and hospitality investors we want, we need to have an aggressive marketing strategy, and a much more business-friendly approach to what has gone before.

"I'm not sure that we as a council have been as entrepreneurial, ambitious and genuinely engaged with the private sector as we should have been in recent years. Maybe that culture has developed under the previous administration, but it must and will change.

"We cannot allow this opportunity to slip through our fingers through lack of urgency, poor planning or a laissez-faire attitude. Too many investors and jobs have been lost through that approach in my opinion."

Cllr. McKenna also called on the owners of the Concourse shopping centre to participate in driving forward the plans.

He added: "It is in all of our interests to see a Concourse that benefits from this regeneration scheme. I believe we will provide an environment that compliments, rather than kills, the Concourse. That is certainly our objective.

"For the sake of the people of the town, who have been let down far too often, this initiative just has to happen. A regenerated Skem is not just important to the town; it is vitally important for the economic future of West Lancashire."

Councillor Frank McKenna

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# More sponsors sought for Pride Awards scheme

LOCAL businesses are being invited to sponsor an award scheme which recognises excellence in the NHS.

The Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust Pride Awards, now in their eighth year, recognise hospital staff and teams or those working in community health services for their excellence and professionalism.

There are several awards categories, including a Patients' Award which provides an opportunity for patients and families to show their individual appreciation to a particular member of staff or team.

The trust is keen to hear from businesses in Formby, Southport, West Lancashire and the wider North West, who might be interested in supporting this year's awards.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for each of the award categories, starting at £750.

Ann Marr, interim chief executive at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "The annual Pride Awards offer a fantastic opportunity for the community to support their NHS heroes.

"We are grateful to our existing sponsors for helping to finance this event but would love more companies to come on board. The Pride Awards are designed to celebrate the contribution made by NHS workers in delivering outstanding care to residents across Formby, Southport and West Lancashire."

Companies interested in being involved are asked to email joanne.chorley@nhs.net

# Residents urged to avoid A&E ... unless condition is serious

By **Ollie Cowan**

# Hospitals experiencing 'high demand' say trust chiefs

**HOSPITAL officials are urging people to avoid using A&E unless their condition is serious or life-threatening.**

Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust say both hospital sites are experiencing a high demand for beds.

This is resulting in some patients experiencing long delays in A&E and in waiting for admission to a hospital bed.

In these challenging circumstances, say trust chiefs, anyone thinking of using A&E should 'examine their options carefully' and consider using other NHS services.

Jeanette Abraham, assistant director of operations at Southport and Ormskirk NHS Hospital Trust, said: "We are experiencing a high demand for hospital beds. We urge people to use A&E wisely and think carefully before calling an ambulance.

"A&E is for people facing life-threatening and serious emergencies, such as serious accidents, serious burns, breathing problems, heart attacks and strokes.

"Coughs, colds, sore throats, upset stomachs, general aches and pains, and flu will usually clear up on their own. Keep warm, drink plenty of fluids and, if appropriate, treat with over-the-counter painkillers such as paracetamol.

"Contact a GP or a GP out-of-hours service for help with injuries or illnesses that won't go away.

"Alternatively, West Lancashire Health Centre at Ormskirk Hospital is open from 8am to 10pm all year round. Skelmersdale NHS Walk-in Centre at The Concourse is open from 7am to 10pm weekdays and from 9am to 5pm on weekends.

"Local pharmacies and the NHS Choices website are also a good source of information and advice.

"We would also always ask people to 'Choose Well' when it comes to selecting the most appropriate health services for their need."

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# Concourse owners consider options after legal challenge fails

**THE owners of the Concourse Shopping Centre are considering further action after a High Court judge found against them in a legal challenge over a rival scheme for the long-awaited redevelopment of Skelmersdale town centre.**

Bosses at the Skelmersdale Limited Partnership, a joint venture between London & Cambridge Properties (LCP) and Threadneedle Investment, said they were "bitterly disappointed" after their application for judicial review against West Lancashire Borough Council had found in favour of the local authority.

The council and its partners, St Modwen and the Homes and Communities Agency, welcomed the decision but have expressed an interest in working with the Concourse on future schemes.

LCP opted for legal action after the council granted approval to the St Modwen scheme that the property investment company argued would threaten the "vitality and viability" of their shopping centre.

Having unveiled their own £4m leisure scheme based on the popular centre, they challenged the authority on a number of legal and technical points.

The outcome of the High Court hearing was published last Wednesday (January 27).

LCP's case had centred on planning conditions imposed which stated that no major stores could move to the St Modwen development within a year of being at the Concourse, unless they agreed to being on both sites.

However, Mr Justice Jay dismissed their arguments.

Jo Salmon, LCP retail portfolio manager, said: "The judicial review set out a number of points of law that challenged the council's granting of planning approval to St Modwen for a competing scheme in the town centre.

"We are, of course, bitterly disappointed with the outcome but we will continue to press ahead with our plans, which are well under way, to deliver our £4m scheme at the Concourse Centre.

**Jo Salmon, LCP retail portfolio manager**

"We maintain that a second scheme will bring uncertainty to the market and will make our job very much more difficult, but we want to reassure locals, workers, shoppers and existing businesses that we are going ahead with our plans."

LCP is planning a major leisure scheme, comprising a 20,000 sq ft multi-screen cinema, along with two food outlets, on the second floor of the shopping centre, while four existing units would be converted on the first floor to accommodate restaurants.

The shopping centre, which houses more than 70 stores including well-known high street names, will also undergo improvements.

Planning permission was granted by West Lancs Council in December 2014 and Councourse bosses have said it will "ensure the future vitality and viability" of the shopping centre, creating at least 40 new jobs, as well as protecting the 800-plus existing jobs.

The council-backed St Modwen scheme also includes plans for a cinema, restaurant and bars.

A spokeswoman for the borough council stated: "We remain committed to making progress on the Skelmersdale Town Centre Regeneration scheme.

"As well as delivering new shops, the scheme will bring new leisure opportunities to the town, including a cinema, restaurants and bars.

"The project will also bring a host of other benefits, including a high street link between West Lancashire College and the existing town centre, the construction of new and attractive public spaces, together with improved lighting and pedestrian surfaces.

"This will make the town centre more attractive for shoppers and visitors looking to enjoy their leisure time. An exciting new play area will also be created to help cater for the needs of young families.

"The council recognises that the Concourse Shopping Centre is an important part of Skelmersdale and hopes to work with London and Cambridge Properties in the future on schemes to benefit Skelmersdale."

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper welcomed the High Court decision and called for work to begin.

She said: "At last! A great decision for Skelmersdale. There are no more excuses for this redevelopment not to happen.

"It is 10 years since the discussions on the town centre redevelopment began. It is time for the borough council and St Modwen's to get moving on finally delivering this urgently-needed, much-anticipated and long-awaited regeneration of Skelmersdale's town centre.

"Whilst the Concourse still has 21 days to appeal the decision, I hope they will now bring the stalling tactics to an end.

"I can understand that many residents will remain sceptical until they see a spade in the ground and diggers working hard. I do believe though this is great news for the town.

"A new town centre for Skelmersdale offers a new future.

"Skelmersdale residents can now begin to get what they have long deserved, a 21st century town centre."

# Seven-year sentence for man who brandished machete in shopping centre

By our **Court Reporter**

**A MAN who chased another around a busy shopping centre in Skelmersdale brandishing a machete and threatening to chop him up has been handed a seven-year sentence.**

**A judge said he was was satisfied that 22-year-old Lewis Rimmer poses a significant risk of causing serious harm and jailed him for four years with an extended licence of three years.**

**Rimmer, of Harsnips, Skelmersdale, who admitted making threats to kill, affray and breaching his bail, will have to serve two thirds of his jail sentence before he can apply for parole.**

**Liverpool Crown Court heard that there was a background of bad feeling between him and his intended victim, Robert Crinks after an allegation was made against Rimmer by a member of Mr Crinks's family, which was never formally pursued.**

**Late on the afternoon of October 14 last year Robert Crinks was in the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale and as he was going up the escalator he spotted Rimmer who was agitated and shaking and he left the premises.**

**About half-an-hour later he returned to get a drink and outside he again spotted Rimmer and hid until he and his friends had gone past.**

**However inside the precinct he saw Rimmer who was carrying a machete with a blade about two foot long and Rimmer shouted at him: "I'm going to kill you."**

**Fearing for his life, Mr Crinks ran off pursued by Rimmer past shoppers and children in a play area before Mr Crinks found a security guard.**

**When arrested a week later after being found hiding in a loft space of a house Rimmer admitted he had chased after his intended victim "to cut him up."**

**"He said if he had caught him he would have chopped him up and killed him," said Bernice Campbell, prosecuting.**

**Rimmer said he had been "stoned" on cannabis at the time of the incident and the court heard that he claimed he was also under the influence of drugs when interviewed.**

**Sentencing Rimmer, whose previous convictions include assault, Judge Andrew Menary, QC, said that after initially seeing his intended victim he had left and deliberately armed himself with the machete.**

**"On the second occasion you chase him through the shopping centre brandishing the machete for all the public to see and threatening to kill him," he said.**

**"You were determined to catch him up if you could and your intention was to chop him up and kill him. That was your avowed intent which you repeated several times."**

**He added, "It is clear you are a dangerous offender."**

**Kate Morley, defending, said that Rimmer admits intending to harm Mr Crinks but denies intending to cause serious harm.**

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# Prize brass band concert proceeds to go to charity

A MEMBER of Burscough U3a who recently won first prize in a raffle to enable him to have a free concert by Skelmersdale Prize Band is to donate the proceeds from the event to a charity which takes disabled children on holiday.

The prize which allowed the winner a free concert by Skelmersdale Prize Band within a 15 mile radius of the Bandroom in Old Skelmersdale was won by John Sutcliffe.

John, 70, from Burscough, has donated the concert to a registered charity HCPT (The Pilgrimage Trust) Group 171, who will be taking disabled and disadvantaged children from West Lancashire on a week long pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes in the South of France at Easter 2016.

The children and their volunteer helpers come from all walks of life and may belong to any religious background, or none at all.

**Skelmersdale Prize Band recently performed at a charity concert**

The children and helpers will stay in hotels and the holiday will typically feature visits to the Lourdes Grotto, outings to local attractions, cafés, and villages that benefit from the spectacular scenery of the French Pyrenees.

John said: "I went as a volunteer with a disabled group to Lourdes last year. I heard that a group was going with children and I wanted to help."

The Stanley Club in Burscough have agreed that the concert can be held in their large function room at 7.30 pm on Friday, February 19, and all receipts from ticket sales may be used to help provide a holiday free of charge for the children.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased for £6 each at the weekly meetings of the Burscough U3a held every Friday between 2 and 3pm at the Older Peoples Club, Lord Street, Burscough.

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# Solar farm 'victory' for campaigners

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper with campaigners at the site in Hoscar

**ROSIE Cooper and local residents have welcomed the Planning Inspector's decision to refuse planning permission on appeal for a 90-acre solar farm at Tawdside Farm, Hoscar.**

The West Lancs MP had stood alongside residents and the Stop Hoscar Solar Farm campaigners in opposing plans to construct the solar farm covering huge swathes of the green belt for the next 25 years.

She said: "This is fantastic news for the residents who stood up and made their voices heard in opposing these solar farm plans.

"Local residents said no, the borough council said no and now central government has given the final definitive no to these plans.

"As I have said previously, the need for renewable energy should not override the substantial environmental and community interests or concerns.

"We cannot accept a situation in which West Lancashire becomes the dumping ground for these renewable energy projects from which others benefit to the detriment of the borough and its residents.

"Renewable energy has to be part of our energy mix to help reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. Developing large-scale schemes in the green belt is not the place to start.

"Following the refusal at Gerrard's Hall in Aughton alongside this decision there is a clear message that these types of developments will not be allowed in the green belt."


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# Armed raid at store

**POLICE have launched an investigation after robbers armed with a hammer and a handgun targeted a convenience store in Skelmersdale.**

**The robbery took place at M. Singh's store in Elswick, Tanhouse shortly before 6.30pm on Thursday, January 28.**

**Two of the men entered the store while the third remained outside.**

**The two who went inside demanded money from the shopkeeper, pushing him over before removing a small amount of cash from the till and some spirits from behind the counter.**

**The trio then fled the scene.**

**The first man who went inside the shop is described as white, around 18 or 19 years old with a medium build, and approximately 5ft 6in tall. He was wearing a grey scarf, a blue waterproof jacket and black gloves.**

**The second man was also white and a similar age. He was about 6ft tall with a skinny build and was wearing all black clothing.**

**DI Joanne Keay of South CID said: "This must have been extremely frightening for the shopkeeper who has understandably been left shocked by what happened. The shop is regularly used by children but thankfully no-one was harmed during the incident.**

**"If anyone has any information or who was in the vicinity at the time, I would urge them to get in touch with us as soon as possible on 101 or Crimestopperson 0800 555 111.**

# Man evicted from home for possessing cannabis

Report by **Henry James**

**A 35-YEAR-OLD man has been evicted from his home in Skelmersdale after police found cannabis when carrying out a warrant at the property.**

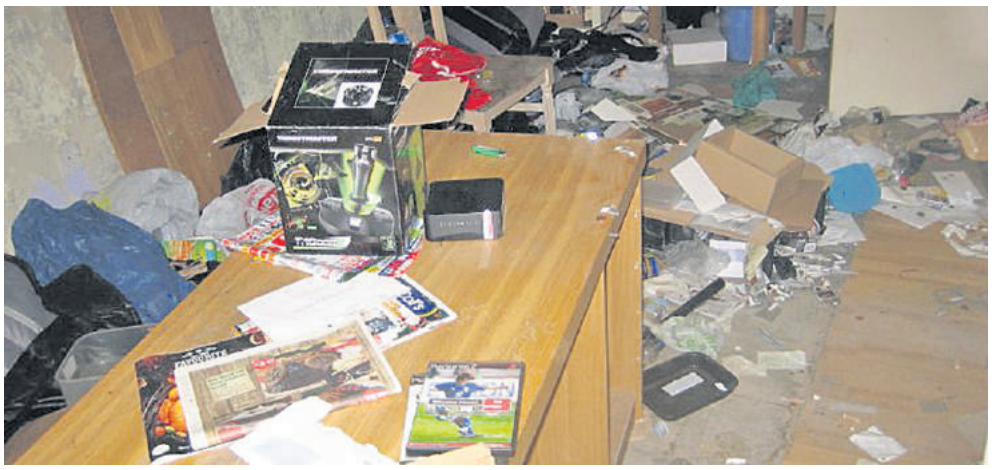
At Chorley Magistrates Court on February 26, last year, Neil Lynch was handed a 12-month conditional discharge after pleading guilty to possession of cannabis.

After the court case West Lancashire Borough Council evicted Mr Lynch from his two-bedroom maisonette on Evington, Tanhouse, as he had breached his tenancy agreement by carrying out criminal activities in his home.

At a hearing at Wigan County Court District Judge Mornington granted possession of the property to the Council. A money order to pay back rent arrears of £710.90 (plus £11.97 per day until the property was vacated) was also granted against Mr Lynch at the hearing.

The council pursues all available measures against tenants who breach the terms of their tenancy agreement as well as leaving a property owing rent.

The eviction was formally carried out on Tuesday, January 12. Mr Lynch was not at the maisonette when council officers went to take control of the property, and he had left the property in a very poor state with a lot of rubbish lying around. The council will send Mr Lynch a £900 bill for works that need to be carried out before the property can be re-let.



The inside of the house of Neil Lynch

Councillor Jenny Patterson, portfolio holder for housing, said: "This case sends out a strong message that the council won't tolerate criminal behaviour of this type. Mr Lynch was also in arrears with his rent and tenants must realise that if they don't abide by the law or keep to their tenancy agreement they could lose their home."

Councillor Kevin Wright, portfolio holder for community safety, said: "Being in possession of cannabis is a crime and the council works very closely with the police to crack down on such activities and keep West Lancashire safe. My thanks go to all those involved."

Celebration time as Skem Men-Aces football team take delivery of their new mini-bus at Skelmersdale 06 Vauxhall last

# Dreams come true for disability football team

by **Henry James**

OFFICIALS at Skem Men-aces disability football team had always wished for their very own mini bus - and now they have one thanks to the help of a former mayor.

The team bought the vehicle after being given £12,000 from the past mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Doreen Stephenson, after being chosen as one of her mayoral charities during her year of office.

Local motor dealers, 06 Vauxhall also gave them a "substantial discount" on the van and the team received their new vehicle on Saturday, January 30. Carl Eaton, from the Men-aces said: "This has to be the most memorable and emotional occasion in the History of the Skem Men-aces.

"Over six years we have dreamt and wished that one day we would own our very own mini bus.

"After years of hard work and determination, today we finally took delivery of the bus.

"There are so many people to thank for this but I want to mention a few people in particular. Chris Wellington and all the gang from 06 Vauxhall, Skelmersdale. Thank you too to Phil Carver from 06 Vauxhall Ormskirk. Vauxhall have been incredible and I will never forget their kindness.

"We are grateful to Councillor Doreen Stephenson, who was the mayor of the borough from 2014 and 2015, and made us one of her chosen charities.

"Dan Curwen of Scott Rees & Co deserve a mention too as they have been sponsors of ours for several years.

"We also want to thank: Procter and Gamble; Sharon Roberts of Asda Skelmersdale for letting us do our monthly collections in store; Michael Riley who presented us with the bus; Eileen Mcloughlin for her fantastic fundraising efforts; John and Ruth Unsworth for their continued support; and Eddie Miller of Computers Direct NW LTD.

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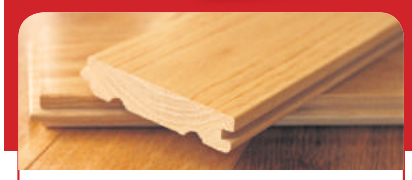

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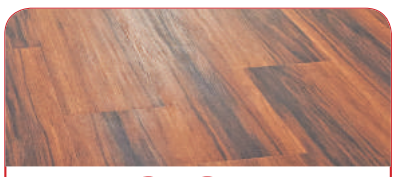

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# Pupils to benefit from healthy heart project

PRIMARY school children in Skelmersdale are set to benefit from a new project funded by national charity, Heart Research UK.

BDS Training in Skelmersdale works with disengaged and disadvantaged children and young adults to offer them support to build their confidence, self-esteem and improve health and wellbeing.

Now the community group has been awarded £5,000 to fund the project, Captain Heart and the BDS Squad.

The 10-month venture, starting this month, aims to benefit 10 primary schools in the town by promoting education and a healthy heart through fun-filled, informative activities.

Nationally, figures show that people living in deprived areas are, on average, more likely to die from heart disease than people living in more affluent areas.

By targeting young people, BDS Training hopes to help people in Skelmersdale to live healthier, happier and longer lives by reducing future heart disease risk factors.

Up to 300 youngsters aged seven and eight are expected to be involved in the project and the organisation will offer sessions covering a wide aspect of topics relating to heart health.

The team from BDS Training

Four sessions will be held at each school covering subjects such as functions of the human body and vital organs, healthy eating and physical activity.

A health day will be held to recap on all topics aiming to test the outcome and success of the project.

Pupils will be measured through questionnaires at the beginning of the first session and at the end of session four, testing their knowledge of the heart, healthy food and exercise.

Kimberly Rowlands, centre and project manager at BDS Training, said: "We are really excited to be given the opportunity to take our brand new, fun-filled, child-centred project to the children of Skelmersdale.

"I know the children will love the superhero-themed project and will take a lot of information about healthy hearts away from the sessions. Children will hopefully use this as a foundation to build on as they go through life."

Heart Research UK national director, Barbara Harpham, said: "Our Healthy Heart grants scheme aims to help young people to improve their heart health, and the BDS Training project is aiming to do just that.

"Getting children to understand all about healthy lifestyles is a great way to ensure that these good habits last them for a lifetime."

# £350,000 scheme to upgrade power network

## Residents warned to expect temporary traffic lights and road closures

**MORE than 1,200 residents and businesses in the Skelmersdale, Newburgh and Parbold area are set to benefit from a major £350,000 project to upgrade the power network in the area.**

**Engineers from Electricity North West, the region's power network operator, have started to install 4km of new underground cable between Stanley Way in Skelmersdale and Tabbys Nook in Newburgh.**

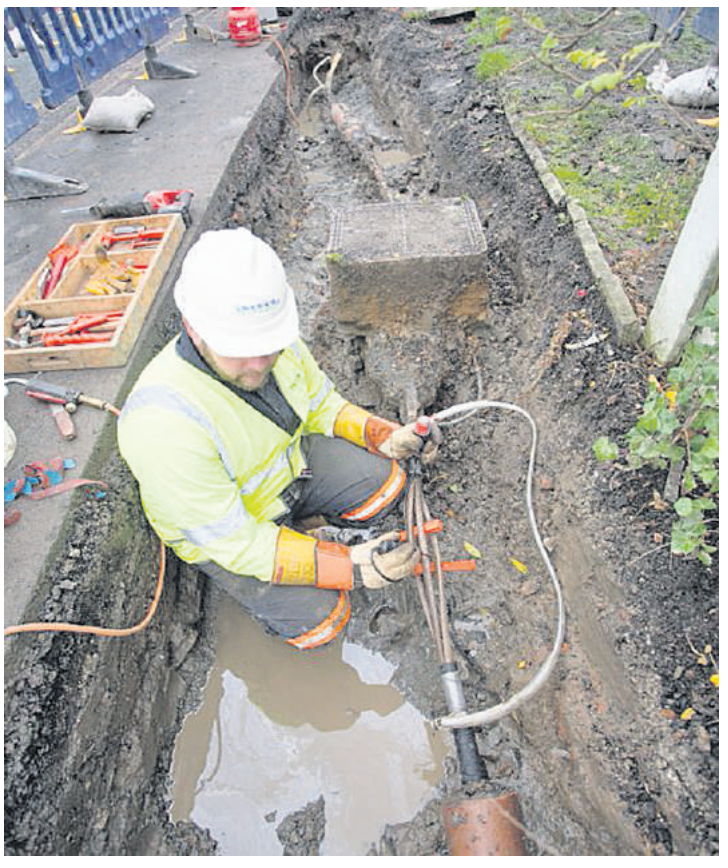
**The essential five-month project will help ensure local customers continue to receive a reliable power supply now and in the future.**

**Paul McGonigle, programme delivery manager for Electricity North West, said: "We continuously invest in maintaining and upgrading the power network across the North West to ensure our customers receive the power they need now and in the future.**

**"We will work to keep any disruption to a minimum, but unfortunately there is no way to install underground cables without some disruption, but we hope drivers and residents in the area understand the need for this essential project."**

**There will be temporary traffic lights and road closures in place to allow engineers to safely carry out the work. Any work near schools will be carried out during half-term and there will be advance notice signs in the area.**

**If customers have any queries about the project, they can call Electricity North West on 0800 195 4141 or follow @Electricity NW.**



**Right: Work has started on the five-month scheme to upgrade the power newtwork in the borough**

## *Mayor snips to it for charity...*

***MAYOR of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy was the guest of honour at the Vogue Hair Open Day.***

***Athough the salon in Sandy Lane, Skelmersdale has been open since October, Cllr. Hennessy was invited along to perform the official ribbon-cutting ceremony on the day which also featured live music and refreshments.***

***All proceeds from the day were donated to Kingsbury Primary School in School Lane which caters for children with learning difficulties.***

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy and Vogue Hair and Beauty salon owner Rachelle O'Donnell (centre right) with staff and friends at the open day in Sandy Lane.

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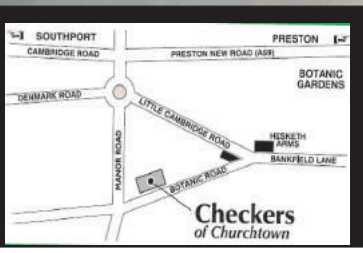


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# It's safety first at safety firm!

Report by **Henry James**

**EMPLOYEES at a Skelmersdale company which makes safety devices and protective equipment have been driving through a scheme to make their workplace a 'Factory of the Future' with zero accidents, zero waste, zero defects and zero late deliveries!**

The factory floor at Scott Safety in Pimbo Road has undergone a transformation, moving from a centralised rigid layout to a "standardised model of dynamic assembly cells enabling manufacturing and a safer working environment."

Marketing manager, Paul Shaw, said: "Not only are we are a safety company, but also a significant employer in the local area, so it is imperative that safe working practice is at the heart of everything we do.

"Our Factory of the Future and working processes have been designed to ensure that every employee goes home safely at the end of each day.

And plant manager, Pete Osbourne, added: "Shutting the factory down for two entire days was a big decision and one that has created a real step change in the business.

"As a team we have adopted a heart-on-sleeves approach to engaging the workforce in driving change and success. To do so, we developed 'grassroots' cross functional teams, which have empowered those closest to the work to bring forward innovations which have now helped us reduce waste, improve quality and most importantly, create a safer working environment."

Employees on the factory floor at Scott Safety

Scott Safety makes respiratory and other personal protective equipment and safety devices for firefighters, industrial workers, police squads, militaries, homeland security forces, and rescue teams around the world.

With five global manufacturing locations, the company's product line includes self-contained breathing apparatus, supplied air and air-purifying respirators, PPE, gas detection instruments, thermal imaging cameras and firefighter locators.

## School to host first aid course

A COURSE teaching the basics of paediatric first aid is to be run on Wednesday, March 9 for two weeks at Delph Side primary in Eskdale, Tanhouse.

It will run from 9.15am to 12.15pm and participants will also learn about the following: administering CPR, dealing with shock, and dressing wounds.

For more information call 01695 721881.

# Female shop assistant threatened by masked robber at general store

**POLICE have released details of a robbery in which a masked man threatened a female shop assistant before making off with spirits and cash.**

**The incident took place at around 9.30pm on Friday, January 22 when the man, wearing a balaclava to hide his face, entered Jones general store on the Bearncroft estate in Digmoor.**

**After ordering the woman to hand over cash, the robber left with a small amount of money and a bottle of vodka before fleeing the scene towards the nearby estate.**

**The man is described as white, about 5ft 10in tall and spoke with a deep voice.**

**He was wearing a black balaclava with large eye-holes, a thin, dark-coloured jacket with the hood up, dark jeans or tracksuit bottoms, pumps with a white sole and black gloves.**

**Detective sergeant Janette Bashall, of Skelmersdale CID, said: "This was an extremely frightening incident for the shop assistant, causing her to fear for her safety.**

**"Enquiries are ongoing to find the man responsible and we need anyone who witnessed the robbery or who may have seen anyone acting suspiciously around the time of the incident to come forward."**

**Anyone with information can contact police on 101. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.**

# *Youngsters set for role in 'starry night'!*

*YOUNGSTERS from Skelmersdale and Up Holland are set to appear in a short film being screened at Edge Hill University tonight (Wednesday, February 3) as part of a Science Under The Stars event.*

*The youngsters, members of the SHARES Skelmersdale and Up Holland Pupil Parliament, teamed up with the university and creative organisation, Impossible Theatre, to create the film which will chart the discovery of the stars ending with British astronaut Tim Peake's mission to the International Space Station.*

*They also wrote questions for Tim Peake that will be Tweeted to him live on the evening.*

*After recording their lines for the film, the children were given white card and pencils to draw what they thought space would look like in the future and their images will be projected on to a giant inflatable outdoor screen.*

*The free event, being held in the Heath Building at the university from 4 to 6pm, is intended to be of interest to trainee teachers, teaching professionals and local children and their families.*

**Below: Two of the youngsters with their drawings**

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# EM Power boosted by people power!

**Nicky Whittaker (right) from EM Power at Tanhouse Community Centre receives a £200 donation from Asda Skelmersdale Community Life Fund. Also pictured are Asda colleagues Lynda Duffy, Community Champion Sharon Roberts and Sarah Spafford.**

EM POWER in Tanhouse is the latest winner of a two-monthly community campaign run by a Skelmersdale supermarket.

Representatives from the charity, which helps people with assisted needs, were presented with a cheque for £200 as part of Asda's Chosen By You Given by Us initiative.

The scheme gives local charities and organisations the chance to be nominated by the public to receive a donation from their local store.

Every time a customer shops, they are given a token to indicate which of three nominated charities they would like to receive the donation.

After two months, the charity with the most tokens is given a grant of £200 and the two runners-up receive £50 each.

Quarry Bank Community Centre and Up Holland Community Centre were joint runners-up.

Helen Broady from Asda Skelmersdale, said: "We were pleased to support EM Power and the money will help to get people out and about."

Any non-profit organisation or charity wishing to be considered for the scheme can contact Helen Broady by email at communityskelmersdale@asda.co.uk.


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# Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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## It's no wonder locals have lost faith in planning system

IT was so disappointing to hear that West Lancs councillors granted planning permission for student accommodation at the former Fat Olive. Ormskirk has lost yet another business with the consequent loss of jobs and rates.

For the locals, a popular and valued eating venue in past years has gone. Many people greeted the decision as 'unbelievable' and showing a lack of support for the community.

An over-concentration of student properties exists in the locality and breaches council guidelines. The planning director's report agreed that 'the proposed development would exacerbate the situation' but, rather illogically, concluded that 'the resultant degree of clustering can be considered acceptable'. There will be far more clustering here than for the Windmill application which was rejected by the council!

Two town organisations did their best to voice local concerns, Ormskirk Community Partnership and Ormskirk Residents' Group. These were backed up by many residents of the adjacent Beaconsfield Court flats and Swiss Cottage.

The council vote dismissed worries about lack of privacy, noise, late-night disturbance and a perceived negative impact on their amenity to side with the planning view that 'there will be no significant harm caused'.

It seems so easy for developers to buy property, close down and proceed to build HMOs. Successive governments appear to have loaded the dice in favour of developers and councils no longer have the proper ammunition to stem the flow. Developers also have big guns of their own as well as monies to go to appeal which can cost councils dear.

This government preaches localism but talk of local people having an influential say in their backyard is mostly pie in the sky. Many have already lost faith in the planning system and have ceased to engage in the consultation process. Who can blame them?

**John Lloyd, Ormskirk, by email**

## We wouldn't need so many cuts in services if HMOs paid their way

**WE hear week in and week out about further cuts to services around the area because the council need to make savings.**

**We hear via the Champion about libraries being closed, cuts to policing, not to mention the possibility of car parking being raised and more recently council tax rises.**

**A recent letter about the 'forest' of letting boards around Ormskirk shows how many properties do not contribute to local council services, but a contribution of some sort from these HMO's would surely help.**

**As long as these landlords keep buying up property to let out to students etc., we are going to be asked to bolster up the shortfall without any regard to how we, as residents, are supposed to find this extra money.**

D. Balshaw, Ormskirk resident for 66 years

## Nature will try to claim back what man has won from it

RE: The recent letter by Mr Barry Critchley on the subject of the pumping stations in West Lancashire.

I do not pretend to have enough knowledge to comment on the likely outcome if some or all of the pumping stations are turned off, but it is well to bear in mind that the area in question, rural West Lancashire, originally included the largest (in area) lake in England, Martin Mere.

This was drained at great cost and effort by the local landowners in order to increase the profitability of their large estates and there will always be the possibility that without ongoing high expenditure on drainage systems nature will attempt to claim back what man has won from it.

I sometimes think what this huge lake must have been like, and maybe how much more interesting West Lancashire would be if we still had such a dramatic facility.

**Chris Winnard, West Lancashire, by email**

## PICTURE of the week

**Colin Day Junior from Birch Green Amateur Boxing Club squares up to a member of the Duke of Lancaster's 2nd Battalion Boxing Team who visited Skelmersdale for a training session and to highlight the club's appeal for repair and renovation funds. Picture by Martyn Snape.**

## *Cyclists use your head and wear your helmet!*

***I Rarely put pen to paper but on this occasion I feel compelled to.***

***I was knocked off my bicycle near the M58 junction at the end of the Rainford By Pass on 3 January 2016.***

***The coward who did this did not stop but carried on regardless of the fact that I was lying in the carriageway alongside my mangled bicycle.***

***Fortunately I was wearing a cycling helmet – I know not everyone does and I have been guilty of this on occasions myself.***

***I know there are a number of arguments for not doing so but I feel that but for this head protection I would not be writing to you now.***

***I would therefore urge all cyclists to wear a helmet at all times when enjoying their bike ride.***

***I would also like to thank all the motorists who did stop to help me and particularly the taxi driver who gave me and parts of my bike a lift home.***

*George Robinson, by email*

## Infrastructure is a disgrace

INSTEAD of building a new shopping complex let the owners of the Concourse develop that site.

The infrastructure of Skelmersdale is a disgrace - estates falling apart, litter everywhere, Tawd Valley in a run-down state, burnt-out cars in the woods at the bottom of Sumner Street. This is true of a lot of places in Skelmersdale and nothing ever seems to be done.

If this was in Ormskirk, Parbold, Tarleton or any other parts of West Lancs it wouldn't be allowed.

**Name & address supplied**

## *Let's be grateful for great care*

*ON the subject of hospital car parking charges, my wife and I are some of the unfortunate people who have to attend local hospitals quite often.*

*I grumbled at the time the charges were introduced for parking, but overall they are usually less that a pint of beer and we get great (free) care so I feel it is money well-spent.*

*If some of the money collected is used for patient care - the actual figure may be questionable - then fine, but let's look at the positive and be grateful that we have such great care locally.*

***Ian Lyster, Aughton***

## Action on 'race track' road is long overdue

**WHEN, when, when, can we expect action to reduce speeding traffic on Ormskirk Road?**

**Evenings and mornings between 8am and 10am, then evenings between 4.30 and 6.30pm between Windmill Road Island and Hall Green and beyond, the road becomes a race track. This is caused by workers' cars.**

**Surely speed bumps plus a 20mph limit is required?**

**During the past 20 years two children have been killed on this road.**

**I responded to a council questionnaire with this question two years ago. No result or reply yet.**

Graham P. Walker, Up Holland

## Having fewer councillors will help cut costs

HOW interesting to see articles on proposals to reorganise the council boundaries.

Thoughts akin to 'rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic whilst the ship goes down' came to mind but I am not qualified to assess the proposal other than to say how surprised I am to see that no consideration has been given to reducing the number of electoral divisions that currently exist.

Councillors, with help from Westminster, seem good at reducing costs in most areas. This has affected many people in many ways but when it comes closer to home, the opportunity is not taken.

Some fair councillors have already suggested reductions in numbers, so shame on you if you do not take this opportunity to cut costs.

**A. Syder, by email**

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Members of the 2nd Battalion Duke of Lancaster's boxing team who visited Birch Green ABC last week.

# Army squad lend their support to boxing club fundraising drive

MEMBERS of an amateur boxing club seeking to raise £10,000 for vital repairs have been given a boost by another team of 'fighters'!

The boxing squad of the Second Battalion of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment visited Birch Green Amateur Boxing Club to help raise awareness of their fundraising efforts to improve their Heversham clubhouse.

Sergent Major Joseph Flemming, head coach of the 2Lancs Boxing Team, said: "We heard that the Birch Green Boxing club was in need of funds and we wanted to help raise awareness to the club by bringing our team down to do a one-off training session with the club's boxers.

"We think helping our young kids and adults from all walks of life and all backgrounds is massively important.

"So helping the young boys and girls of Skelmersdale in all sports - not just boxing - is a must. We need to keep our kids fit and healthy as well as being in a safe and friendly environment.

"Birch Green ABC do a fantastic job in the Skelmersdale community teaching the young boxers teamwork dedication, motivation, respect, friendship and loyalty which gives them confidence and self-belief.

"We at 2Lancs would like to thank everyone at Birch Green ABC for the great job they do at the club and the dedication they have to this town. Keep it up, boys."

Colin Day, head coach at Birch Green ABC, added: "We were honoured and delighted to have Sgt. Major Flemming, head coach of the Second Battalion the Duke of Lancaster's, visit for a one-off session to help promote our gym and give us a hand showing the young boxers a thing or two.

"The boxers from 2Lancs are an incredible bunch of people, giving their time out from a very busy schedule to come down to the gym.

"They are in training themselves for upcoming bouts and we wish them all the luck in the future."

# Still time to have a say on combined authority proposal

**WEST Lancs Council chiefs have issued a renewed appeal to residents and businesses in the borough to take part in the county-wide consultation on the proposal for a Lancashire Combined Authority.**

The consulation runs until Friday, February 19 and authorities throughout Lancashire are urging all those eligible to have their say in a decision which they believe will help to secure the county's seat at the forefront of the 'Northern Powerhouse'.

Councillor Ian Moran, leader of West Lancs Council, said: "There is still time to give your views on this very important proposal.

"Please take part in the consultation as a Lancashire Combined Authority would give the local authorities a stronger voice on key issues that affect us all. Your suggestions are welcome so please let us know what you think."

And Councillor Alistair Bradley, chair of the council leaders' group on combined authority matters, said: "We've had a really good response to the consultation so far but we want more people to tell us what they think about creating a Lancashire Combined Authority.

"Although it might not seem that important it could release millions of pounds of investment in the county creating jobs for generations to come.

"It also gives us the chance to take on new powers from central government so we can have more influence over what happens in our county."

West Lancs Council leader, Cllr. Ian Moran (2nd left, back row) and representatives of other Lancashire councils taking part in the consultation.

The consultation for the Lancashire Combined Authority started in January and hundreds of people have already completed the survey which asks for their views on five key themes for the Combined Authority.

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# PM urged to apply for EU aid for flood-hit borough

**WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has written to the Prime Minister calling on him to apply to the EU Solidarity Fund for help for the flood-affected community in the North West.**

MPs and MEPs for constituencies in the region have sent letters to Downing Street pushing the government to make an application to the fund for desperately-needed additional resources to support communities, homeowners and businesses living with the devastating effects of the recent floods and storms.

In the last year countries such as Italy, Bulgaria and Romania have each received more than £40 million from the Solidarity Fund in similar circumstances.

Rosie Cooper said: "As the clean-up continues for homeowners and businesses across West Lancashire securing every bit of support available to help is a must.

"By making an application to the EU Solidarity Fund, if successful, these extra resources can and will help communities, like West Lancashire, in the rebuilding and restoring work that is taking place following the floods.

"I await to hear from the Prime Minister on whether the UK government will take the necessary steps to make an application and get additional support for flood-hit communities."

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# Nature reserve set to welcome visitors for first event of 2016

*TWO of the woods at Gorse Hill Nature Reserve that are usually not open to the public will be opened for a special snowdrop-themed walk on Sunday, February 7.*

*The reserve, on Holly Lane in Aughton, will be open for self-guided walks through one of its best-loved woods, Cabin Wood, to see the show of snowdrops from 11am to 4pm.*

*There is also a guided walk from 1.30 to 3pm to Bluebell and Willowbank woods, not normally accessible to the public.*

*The woods are part of the 85-acre reserve site which also includes wildflower meadows, reed-beds, ponds and orchards. The recent wet weather has made some of the paths muddy so wellies or strong suitable footwear should be worn.*

*All are welcome - including well-behaved dogs provided they are on a lead!*

*Reserve manager, Jonathan Atkins said: "We're looking forward to welcoming visitors for our first event of 2016.*

*"As well as being able to see the snowdrops, there are several signs of spring emerging in the woodlands after the relatively mild winter, so there's plenty to look out for."*

*Visitors should note that there is limited car parking space.*

*Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale.*

*Admission and the walks are free but donations are welcome.*

*For more information visit www.nweco-trust.org.uk.*

# New director at ambulance trust

MARK Tattersall has been appointed non-executive director of the North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

The qualified accountant worked as a senior executive from 1991 to 2007 in a range of businesses including the Co-operative Bank, Leeds Building Society, the BBC and London Scottish Bank.

Until September last year Mark was a non-executive director at Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust and during his seven years of service, chaired the audit committee, the finance committee, the quality board and acted as interim chair for a period of six months.

He is currently the deputy chair of the Your Housing Group, where he chairs the audit and risk committee and is a non-executive director of Leasowe Community Homes one of the group's subsidiaries.

**Mark Tattersall**

Mark also currently operates as a self-employed consultant delivering financial and general management services to a number of businesses.

North West Ambulance Service chair, Wyn Dignan, commented: "We're delighted to welcome Mark to the service and are confident that he will be a positive addition to the trust board.

"He has a wealth of experience within the healthcare and finance sector, and this will be invaluable to the Trust.

Non-executive appointments to NHS trusts made by the National Health Trust Development Authority are subject to the code of practice of the commissioner for public appointments.

Mark Tattersall has been appointed until December 2017 and is entitled to receive a remuneration of £6,157 per annum. He has declared no political activity in the last five years.

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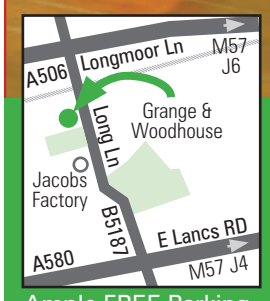


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# Green-fingered gang's 'come and join us' call

*MEMBERS of a local green-fingered group are preparing for a new season.*

*The gardening section of Aughton & Ormskirk University of the Third Age group (U3A) will hold their first meeting of the year on Monday (February 8) starting 2pm in the scout & guide headquarters at Christ Church in Long Lane, Ormskirk.*

*The U3A is a national organisation which urges over-55s to take up new hobbies and interests in their local area.*

*David Blanchflower, gardening group leader, said: "We will be enjoying a talk entitled A Flower for Every Day by guest speaker, Peter Gateley. This will guide listeners though the process of ensuring that their gardens have a continual succession of flowers blooming throughout the year.*

*"Peter Gateley is a local landscape architect who has had a lifetime's interest in native British plants and is a past president of the Liverpool Botanical Society.*

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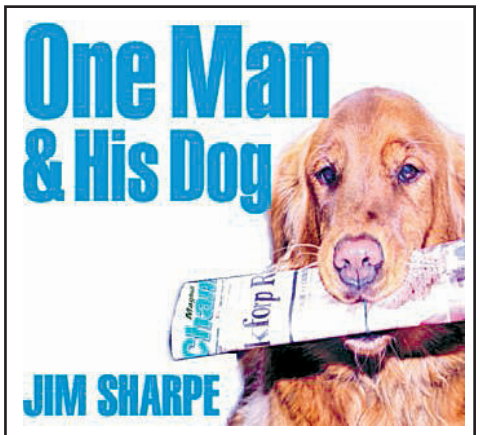


# Ok I admit it: You need to be 'on line' to get by these days

OH, how I wish I was 'on line'.

And how I wish I had no need to be.

Because I have reluctantly arrived at the realisation that in the present world it is rapidly becoming difficult to operate, or at least operate with any degree of ease, if one isn't.

The trouble is that for a person of a certain age, who is computer non-savvy, it is almost impossible to get around the partial information given about all sorts of things these days which, if you need to know more, the small print tells you to "go to www something or other" - and if you cannot then it is a matter of an interminable list of phone calls or a journey to wherever the source of the information required is.

Now this is quite unfair to those who, like me, probably kid themselves that you can still get by in this modern tablet and I-phone world without. And until recently you could too.

But the answer is not so simple.

Now had I stayed in my previous job with BT for perhaps a year or 18 months longer I would almost certainly have encompassed these digital changes and embraced them as enthusiastically as the vast majority now have.

But I didn't - and the change in my circumstances when I was made redundant meant I didn't have the cash to spare to buy into the computer revolution and instead buried my head in the sand and hoped it would go away.

Now I still can't really afford the latest crop of digital this and that, and even then would still need lessons in how to use them.

As an aside - have you noticed that these days when you buy any digital device, in my case from a cheap phone to a digital recorder for my digital TV - the so-called instruction booklet usually confines itself to very basic operating procedures?

I do own a mobile phone (pay as you go and cost me all of £10) which I basically use only when I am on my boat in Norfolk.

It certainly does its job as far as making and receiving calls are concerned - and that is fine by me.

Apparently though it has other functions, such as messaging, texting - it even has what appears to be a fairly useless torch function.

But the single-sheet instruction book doesn't tell me how it works, what buttons to press to do what. Hell, I don't even know how to set the time and date on the damned thing!

Naturally it DOES give a place on www. something or other. Which is a fat lot of use if you can't 'go to' whatever it is.

It's much the same with the otherwise excellent digital TV recorder.

I think I've mastered every function it provides that is of any use to me - but much of that was by trial and error and using what little common sense I possess rather than through the admittedly fairly complicated manual provided.

Trouble is that it's written in Geek Speak and assumes I am familiar with the strange terms it uses.

Much nearer to home, notices on buses on the two routes I use most frequently (the 300 and 310) tell me that as from the beginning of this week a few extra journeys have been added to one, while the other has had its 'short journeys' slightly extended. Both obviously good news.

It also says though that on both services there have been "minor timetable alterations" - but to find out what these may be, I am instructed to go - yes, you've guessed it - to www. Etc.

Oh dear, my head hurts again.

# Year of fundraising for hospice on the menu at brasserie

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

**STAFF at a local hostelry have launched a year-long fundraising drive in aid of a charity that provides support for patients with serious illnesses throughout West Lancashire, Southport and Formby.**

The team at the Town Green Brasseries in Aughton have committed to working closely with Queenscourt Hospice for the next 12 months.

And they have already lined up a trio of fundraising efforts on behalf of the Southport-based hospice in the shape of two charity lunches and an afternoon tea.

Dan McDonald, general manager at Town Green Brasserie, said: "We're really looking forward to working with Queenscourt throughout the year. It'll be great to get involved in events and raise money for such a good cause.

"Charity buckets will be on show throughout the restaurant so our customers can get involved too.

"One of the events planned is the Snowdonia Zip Wire Challenge and we've already got a few names in mind for that - I'm sure some of the team would love to give it a go!"

Queenscourt community fundraiser, Julie McAdam, said: "We are celebrating 25 years in business this year and support from local businesses such as the Town Green Brasserie really does help us to forge on with our work.

**Town Green Brasserie general manager Dan McDonald with Queenscourt community fundraiser Julie McAdam**

"The charity lunches and afternoon tea are a great way to showcase the amazing venue, food and people at the Town Green Brasserie, whilst raising money and awareness at the same time.

"We're looking forward to an exciting 2016!"

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# *County's patients among first to benefit from pioneer project*

*PATIENTS in Lancashire will be among the first to benefit from a major new drive to modernise how the NHS delivers care.*

*Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust will be leading the way as part of a pioneering 'Test Bed' with partners including the Lancaster Health Hub and Philips amongst many others comprising SMEs, social enterprises and the voluntary sector.*

*Together they form the Lancashire and Cumbria Innovation Alliance (LCIA), which over the next two years will enable front-line health and care workers in Lancashire to use a range of technologies and interventions to support frail and elderly and people living with long-term conditions and dementia to be cared for outside of hospital with the intention of improving their outcomes. The project is part of the first wave of NHS 'Test Beds' - collaborations between the NHS and innovators which aim to harness technology to address some of the most complex issues facing patients and the health service.*

***Potential***

*Successful innovations will then be available for other parts of the country to adopt and adapt to the particular needs of their local populations.*

*Professor Heather Tierney Moore, chief executive of Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said: "I am absolutely delighted that the Lancashire and Cumbria Innovation Alliance (LCIA) has been chosen as a Test Bed site by NHS England.*

*"This will provide the funding and the opportunity to work alongside partners and use technology to test out new approaches to enable frail, elderly people to self-care and remain in their own homes for as long as possible.*

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# Professor's choral study CD strikes a chord worldwide

By **Henry James**

**A FORMER Edge Hill professor who researches young male participation in choirs has released a CD which is gaining worldwide recognition.**

Professor Martin Ashley, the Ormskirk university's former head of research, published a book, Contemporary Choral Work With Boys, last year and developed a unique audio case study from this work.

Now the subject of this study, 12-year-old Max Matthew of Southport, has recorded an album which is being bought by people across the world.

The CD was created from initial work to provide a detailed picture of the kinds of singers that might be found in some of the choirs described in the book.

Max was selected to represent the voice of a young treble. However, the work to record him continued, following his career as a mature treble and into voice change.

The CD, Monday Afternoons, is an album of 19 tracks of varying styles, each sung at a different age, with the aim of showing different stages in the artist's development.

**Southport choirboy Max Matthew who was the subject of Professor Ashley's study**

Professor Ashley said: "A boy's voice is not static. It is constantly changing and developing.

"To record an album all at once is to miss 90 per cent of the story, to fail to capture the real, human essence of that transitory, magical four per cent of the singing life.

"There are delights to be discovered at each stage of development and the listener can appreciate how the boy voice transforms from that of a child with a certain degree of naïve charm, to that of a fully mature treble with perspicacity and style."

He added: "I actually produced the CD and it's rather special because each of the 19 tracks was recorded at a different age to show how Max's voice developed, exactly what the book was about."

### Impact

The professor is also behind the university's faculty of education study, Boys Keep Singing (The Widening Young Male Participation in Chorus research project) which is part of an effort to support music education and keep boys interested in choral singing when they move to secondary school.

Professor Ashley's research has had significant impact on public policy as his findings were used as a case study in the National Music Plan by the Department of Education/Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

As a result of his research, new boy's choirs have been created across the world from the UK to Australia, including the creation of changing voice choir, Cambiata North West.

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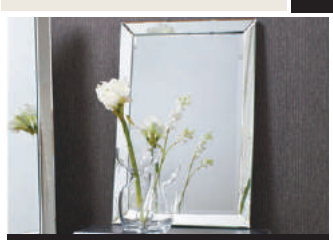

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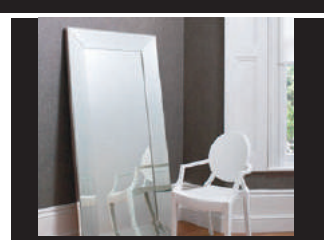

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**CHAMPION readers can join Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse when they commemorate 25 years of Disney On Ice across Europe in an action-packed ice adventure heading to the Echo Arena, Liverpool in March.**

'Disney On Ice presents Silver Anniversary Celebration' will take audiences on a fun-filled tour of the imagination... and the Champion has five family tickets (each for four people) to win in another great reader competition.

The ice spectacular visits Liverpool from Wednesday, March 16 to Sunday, March 20 for nine magical performances with all your favourite Disney characters including Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Goofy, Donald Duck and Daisy Duck as they visit the magical worlds of Disney's The Lion King, The Little Mermaid and Peter Pan.

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"It's an extraordinary show and a family vacation all rolled into one incredible night," said producer Kenneth Feld. "You really get a sense you are traveling right alongside Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse and their friends." Silver Anniversary Celebration was created by a team of industry experts known for their ability to convey the movements and designs needed to bring each Disney destination to life:

*To book tickets call The Echo Arena box office on 0844 8000 400 or visit www.echo-arena.com/www.disneyonice .co.uk*

*Group bookings are available from Ticket Quarter Groups on 0844 561 7672. People can also purchase their tickets from Ticket Quarter, Queen Square Liverpool.*

### To win a family ticket all you have to do is...

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*The opening of the development on Hall Lane has also created 50 jobs.*

*Manager, Faye Wilkinson, said: "It was a fantastic day and just wonderful to see so many people attend. We are so grateful to have received so much support on our opening day and to have received so much positive feedback from our visitors.*

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# Academy gets top marks for teacher training

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Tarleton SCITT Ofsted trainee teachers

**TARLETON Academy has been awarded 'outstanding' status for its teacher training provision and praised for its 'relentless drive for excellence' and for 'establishing high-quality provision in a short space of time'.**

Following a shake-up in the way that teacher training is delivered, Tarleton Academy became the first secondary school in the North West to be designated with the authority to deliver their own teacher training programme and to award Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

It has now become the first secondary school-based teacher training provider to be awarded an outstanding judgement under the new Ofsted framework for Initial Teacher Training (ITT).

Working in close partnership with Up Holland High School and known as MML (Manchester, Merseyside and Lancashire) SCITT, inspectors were full of praise, stating that: "Leaders and managers have a thorough understanding of the needs of schools locally, regionally and nationally…. the large majority of trainees on the course have trained in subjects where teacher recruitment is more difficult and this contributes to the partnership's excellent employment rates.

Report by **Henry James**

"The partnership is making a clear contribution to local and regional needs, including for schools in challenging circumstances."

In its two years of operation the SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) achieved 100% in the key areas of trainee completion of the course, 100% of trainees have been graded good or outstanding and all their trainees have secured employment in a wide range of schools.

The subjects offered on the programme are restricted to the subjects under the English Baccalaureate banner, which includes biology, chemistry, physics, English, maths, history, geography, Spanish and German.

In the second phase of the inspection, during which inspectors visit the trainees in their new schools as newly-qualified teachers (NQTs) it was noted that: "Trainees and NQTs demonstrate outstanding personal qualities and professional attributes. NQTs are keen to involve themselves in the life of their employing school and to take advantage of opportunities to develop their expertise. They are enthusiastic about their chosen career."

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Members of the McDonalds team with staff members and residents at Abbey Wood Lodge care home

# *McDonalds staff sign up to Dementia Friends project*

*STAFF from McDonalds takeaway/restaurant at the Two Saints Retail Park on Park Road, Ormskirk have signed up to the Dementia Friends initiative following an hour-long session with local Dementia Champion Joe Sherville at Abbey Wood Lodge care home on County Road.*

*Run by the national Alzheimer's Society charity, the Dementia Friends programme aims to change people's perceptions of dementia and transform the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about the condition.*

*The target is to sign up four million Dementia Friends by 2020, the current total is about 1.4 million.*

*During the session Joe spoke about the physical, emotional and social implications of dementia and the fear of being stigmatised if you have the condition.*

*He also explained about what memory loss means for those living with dementia in their day-to-day life and how it becomes more severe the longer the person has been living with the condition. For some sufferers, memories from two, three or four decades ago may be their most recent.*

*Joe said: "It's great to see local businesses wanting to be involved and becoming Dementia Friends. It's about living with dementia rather than suffering from it."*

*For more information visit dementiafriends.org.uk.*

# Chance to see what college has to offer

WEST Lancashire College is holding one of its popular Open Evenings from 5 to 8pm today (Wednesday, February 3).

The college, which boasts a £42.8m Skelmersdale campus and a £2.3m Construction Academy, has a wide range of courses available.

These include courses for school leavers, adult learners, 16 to 18-year-olds not in employment or education, and courses for those in employment who would like to progress or change career path.

Aimed at helping people to kick-start their careers, these offer the chance to undertake BTECs, apprenticeships, traineeships, foundation degrees and professional courses, providing work experience to enhance learners' employment prospects.

A spokeswoman for the college said: "Open evenings are a fantastic opportunity to see for yourself the facilities including our hair and beauty academy, sports hall and Café West high street-style coffee shop. And on the night we will be unveiling our exciting plans for our brand new silver service training restaurant opening on college campus soon."

During the evening there will be opportunities to find out about course information, get careers advice and guidance, apply for live apprenticeship vacancies, plus visit the stalls, view displays and receive free mini treatments.

For further details contact Student Services on 01695 52300 or visit www.westlancs.ac.uk.

# *New season of arts events in store*

A NEW season of arts events will be coming to village halls and libraries throughout the county, including West Lancashire, in the next month.

Spot On Lancashire have programmed 18 shows to be performed in 30 different venues across the county - including Aughton Village Hall, Parbold Village Hall, Ormskirk library and Skelmersdale library - between February and the end of May.

The programme features a collection of music, theatre, dance and spoken word, as well as theatre for children and families, including international work from New York, Canada, Switzerland, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Spot On's Sue Robinson said: "We're particularly excited about the number of international artists we have performing this season, as well as the incredible homegrown talent. We're delighted to be able to bring such a wonderful array of shows to people's doorsteps whether that's in a rural village hall or a library."

For more information about any of the shows call Sue Robinson on 01254 660360 or email hello@spotonlanacshire.co.uk

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# Advice service is not just for Christmas!

Report by **Henry James**

**OFFICIALS at Lancashire County Council are reminding young people that an advice service which many used over the festive period is available all year round.**

Talkzone offers advice, guidance, support and information for young people between the ages of 12 and 19, by phone, email, text, Facebook, Twitter and webtalk.

The service is also available up to the age of 25 for young people with a disability.

Talkzone, which is available between 2 and 10pm, every day, is provided by the county council's Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help service.

### Experienced

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I'm glad we have Talkzone available to help our young people. I'm told that more than 150 young people were supported over the Christmas and New Year period alone, on a range of issues that they were concerned about, and I'm pleased that we were there to help.

"However, young people don't have to cope with their problems alone on any day of the year, as Talkzone is always available.

"Talkzone is staffed by caring workers who are experienced in dealing with a wide range of issues affecting young people."

Manager of Talkzone, Tracy Scotland, added: "We have qualified and experienced staff on hand who are used to dealing with anything and everything that young people call about. They really can talk about any worries, whatever they might be.

"Talkzone can help with family and relationship issues; contraceptive, drugs and alcohol advice; or information about finding a job.

"No matter how big or small the issue is, Talkzone is available to help all young people in Lancashire."

Anyone wishing to contact the service can do so by ringing 0800 511111, by text on 07786 511111, by email at talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk or online at www.facebook.com/LancashireYZ.

# Five-home development plan

**PLANS have been revealed for a new five-home development in Aughton.**

**Applicant Mr Huyton has submitted a planning application to West Lancashire Borough Council for planning permission to erect five detached houses and access at land to the rear of 69-75 Town Green Lane.**

**Members of the public have until Friday, February 12 to submit their views on the application.**

# *Charity seeks volunteers for reading project*

*A NATIONAL literacy charity is searching for volunteers from the Ormskirk, Maghull, Aintree and Anfield areas.*

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# Ready for action... firefighter Patrick lands iconic role as choccy daredevil

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

**A SEFTON firefighter has been chosen for the hot role of the new Milk Tray Man!**

Dad of one Patrick McBride, 39, fought off fierce competition from 20,000 other applicants to be chosen by Cadbury after a nationwide search.

Now Patrick from Aintree, will don the iconic black polo neck jumper and embark on his mission to bring the iconic role into the 21st Century.

The Milk Tray ads have been running for 35 years and show the all-action hero going to extreme lengths to deliver a box of chocolates to the woman he loves.

Cadbury's say they have selected Patrick because he displays bravery and courage every day in his job as a firefighter and he impressed judges with his down to earth nature.

A thrilled Patrick said: "When my wife nominated me for this role I never thought I'd actually get it.

"To be the one selected out of more than 20,000 people is incredible and I still have to pinch myself on a daily basis - it is truly life-changing.

"I'm honoured to have been chosen to take on this iconic role and I can't wait to show people the next chapter in the Milk Tray Man story."

A spokesperson for Cadbury, said: "We chose Patrick from a long list of applicants because we truly believe he has the qualities of the new Milk Tray Man – someone who is thoughtful as well as adventurous.

Fire-fighter Patrick McBride has been chosen as the new Milk Tray Man

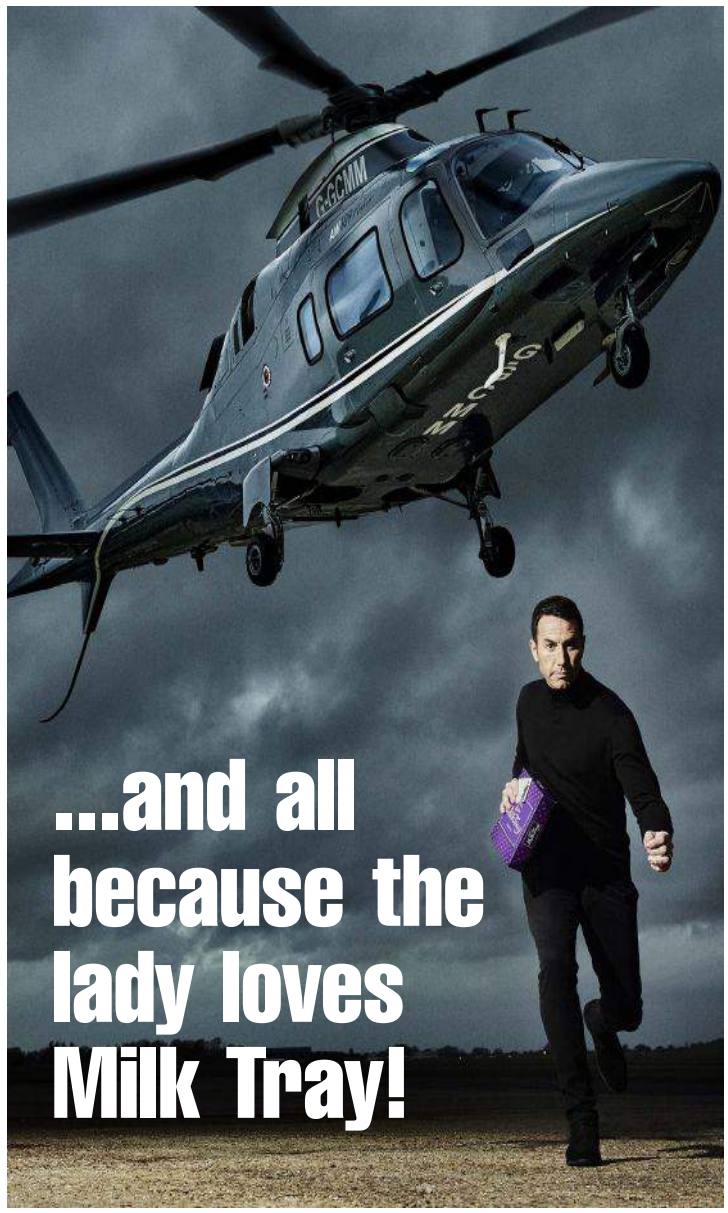
"Over the past few weeks we've got to know Patrick really well and are certain he is the right person to carry on the legacy."

Patrick steps into the shoes of James Coombes, the last Milk Tray Man to have starred in the adverts.

James said: "I think Patrick is the ideal choice and will make a brilliant Milk Tray Man – I couldn't have picked a better successor myself!

"He's incredibly genuine and I'm confident he will make the perfect modern day hero and one I'm very proud to be handing over my duties to.

"I wish him all the best of luck in this new role and can't wait to see him in action."




Patrick McBride in action as the Milk Tray Man

## Chance to sponsor NHS heroes

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**Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust Pride Awards are in their eighth year.**

**They are for hospital staff and teams or those working in community health services who deserve special recognition for their excellence and professionalism.**

**There are several awards categories including a Patients' Award. This gives the opportunity for patients and families to show their individual appreciation to a particular member of staff or team.**

**The Trust is keen to hear from businesses across Formby, Southport, West Lancashire and wider north west, interested in supporting this year's Pride Awards.**

**Sponsorship opportunities are available for each of the award categories, starting at £750.**

**Ann Marr, interim Chief Executive, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "The annual Pride Awards offer a fantastic opportunity for the community to support their NHS heroes.**

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# Resident says new road sign obscures traffic lights!

AN Ormskirk resident has raised fears that a new sign which warns truck drivers of the maximum weight allowed for the road is obscuring drivers' vision of a traffic light.

Champion reader Lynne Fairclough contacted us about the new sign erected at the 'Fiveways' junction on Halsall Lane in Ormskirk, which warns heavy goods vehicle drivers of an 18-tonne maximum gross weight limit.

She said: "The council put this sign up on Monday, January 25 but I have just one question - what about the traffic lights? I

RIGHT: Champion reader Lynne Fairclough is concerned that this sign in Ormskirk is obscuring the traffic lights

# 'Amazing' Richard is on shortlist for trust award

**A MENTAL health worker based in Ormskirk has been shortlisted in this year's Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's People's Choice Award which recognises health professionals who go above and beyond.**

Richard Lange was nominated by a service-user who says he has been one of the main people to have made a difference in their recovery from mental illness.

The service user was low in confidence and self-esteem but Richard's support helped them to take the baby steps on the road to recovery.

They described Richard as "an amazing member of the NHS."

Part of the trust's annual staff awards celebrations, this is the third year the People's Choice category has been run. It is nominated and voted for entirely by members of the public.

Also shortlisted are the Leyland Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services, the Wellbeing and Mental Heath Helpline, and health visitor Hilary Sangster who works at a women's refuge based in Chorley and South Ribble.

Voting is now open and will close on Monday, February 22, with the winner announced at an awards ceremony in March.

Heather Tierney-Moore, chief executive at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "I am delighted that the People's Choice Award continues to grow in popularity. Once again the standard of nominations was extremely high making the shortlisting really difficult.

"It was fantastic to read the nominations which share so many positive stories and examples of excellence and compassionate care from individuals and teams across the trust.

"It is wonderful to be able to present an award which has been chosen by members of the public and the people we serve."

You can register your vote by telephone on 01772 695384; by email at communications@lancashirecare.nhs.uk; on Twitter @LancashireCare; or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LancashireCare.

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# *Cedar Farm bidding to blossom at the double in Red Rose awards*

***A BUSINESS from Mawdesley has been nominated for two awards which celebrate Lancashire firms.***

***Cedar Farm - courtyard of independent shops, a café, and a deli selling local foods in converted farm buildings in Back Lane - has been announced as a finalist for both the Retail Business Award and Rural Diversification Award in the 2016 Red Rosa e Awards.***

***Shortlisted businesses were announced after a day of rigorously whittling down the entries to just six finalists for each of the 25 categories.***

***The 150 finalists will now face an interview and presentation stage across a further two judging days in Blackburn and the winners will be revealed at the glittering ceremony at Blackpool's Winter Gardens in March.***

***Richard Slater, publisher of Lancashire Business View, the magazine behind the awards, said: "The entries we received this year were stronger than ever, and many businesses across this great county are recording excellent performances."***

***"We are excited at the prospect of bringing the county together at the Winter Gardens on March 10 to celebrate the success of Lancashire business, form new relationships and have a fantastic night!"***

Cedar Farm

# College team do their bit for festive mission

A LEVEL learners at West Lancashire College raised £170 and collected a host of toys for Radio City's Mission Christmas.

Their support and contributions helped the station to achieve their target - raising nearly £1m worth of toys and cash to help 27,500 local children who otherwise might have received nothing on Christmas morning.

The college's A Level department held a raffle and cake sale to raise money, while students and staff also donated new toy or money to buy more toys for the children.

They also arranged for the college to be a drop-off point for local community to leave gifts.

**Left: Some of the students who fundraised for the appeal**

# Environment Agency to speed up flood defence work permission process

**THE WAY that flood defence work consent is processed has been streamlined to speed up the process in the future.**

Following widespread flooding and storm damage across Lancashire in December, the Environment Agency has streamlined the way that they process simple consents, allowing the organisation to issue flood defence consents as quickly as possible to help farmers, landowners and communities apply for consent to carry out in river works as quickly and easily as possible.

Anyone who wants to conduct work in, or near, main rivers needs prior written consent from the Environment Agency, called 'flood defence consents'.

These consents are needed to ensure any in river work does not increase flood risk in other areas.

Following the recent flooding, to allow

**Katharine Evans**

emergency work to protect people and property to be carried out as swiftly as possible, people were temporarily allowed to carry out some types of works without applying for consent where the works were necessary in an emergency.

However, now much of the emergency work has been completed, the Environment Agency is reminding people of the need to have prior consent for any work on or near a main river, but looking to speed up the process of dealing with these where possible.

Katharine Evans from the Environment Agency said: "The EA continues to work hard to assist communities in Lancashire to recover from the devastating flooding affecting us throughout December.

"By streamlining our processes where we can, we are able to focus our resource on supporting those people where the risks are greatest. We can also ensure we're working together with communities and using our expert knowledge to manage flood risk together in the best possible way."


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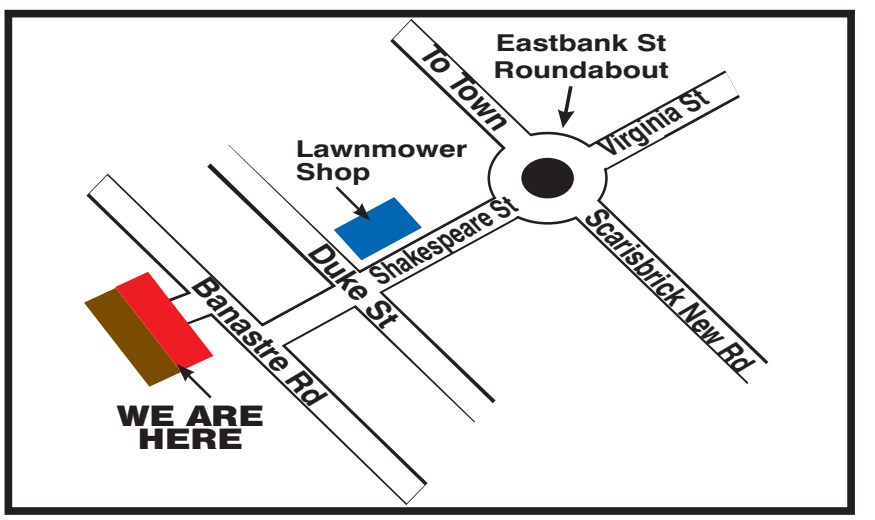


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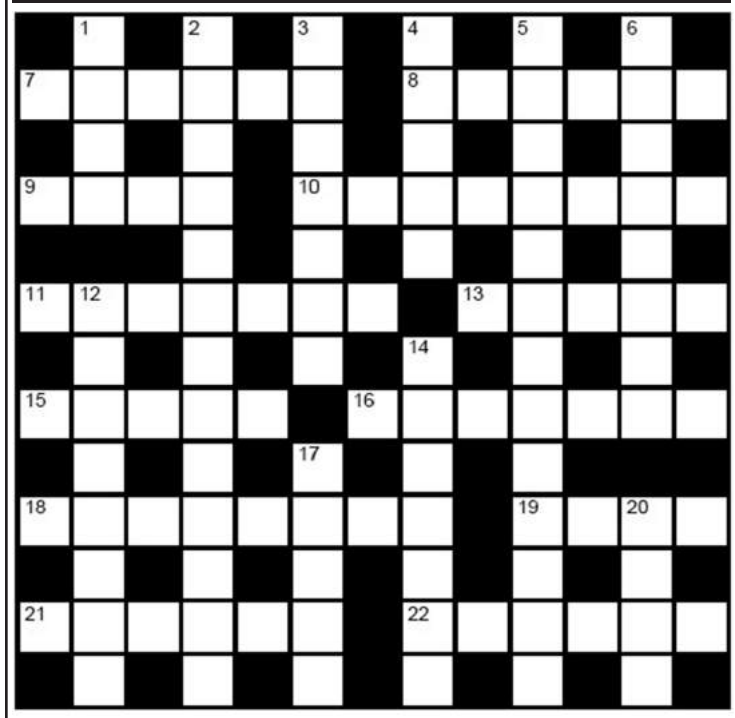

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7 A film about the life of a real person (6)
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9 Emotion prompted by threat of danger or harm (4)
10 Sudden appearance of something unwelcome (8)
11 Having a common axis (7)
13 Device use to connect a computer to a phone line (5)
15 Small airship or barrage balloon (5)
16 Scholarly, cultured (7)
18 Sustained and enthusiastic shows of appreciation (8)
19 Small, slender amphibian with lungs and tail (4)
21 Varied in appearance or character (6)
22 Activity or product that brings in income (6)

**DOWN**

1 Immoral or wicked behaviour (4)
2 Roughly (13)
3 Skilled performer of gymnastic feats (7)
4 Item of crockery (5)
5 Very unusual (13)
6 Decorative object, eg figurine (8)
12 State of being completely forgotten or unconscious (8)
14 Bishop's hooked staff (7)
17 Abnormal tissue growth projecting from a mucous membrane (5)
20 Unwanted and unwelcome wild plant (4)

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## St Anne's take gold in schools athletics event

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Young leaders from St Bede's and Ormskirk School assisted the West Lancashire School Sport Partnership in running the event.

Mark Forster, School Sport Partnership manager, said: "We had more than 30 sports leaders helping and the way they encourage and support the primary children is outstanding."

The competition was won by St Anne's Catholic Primary *(pictured)* with Aughton Christ Church taking the silver medal position and Parbold Douglas bronze.

# Mere to host exhibition by local artist

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

***THE Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Martin Mere is playing host to an exhibition with a difference this week.***

***Southport artist Carole Dawber will be exhibiting her display of textiles and art works entitled 'Planted and Picked' at the Burscough nature reserve.***

***This will feature more than 40 pieces of work exploring how best to use the 'colours of the garden' to create art.***

***Carole told The Champion: "I am thrilled that WWT Martin Mere have invited me to show my work and I am very excited to be able to see my individual pieces as a whole collection for the first time.***

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***In the past Carole has exhibited her textile work nationally and internationally.***

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***The exhibition will run at Martin Mere until Saturday, March 12.***

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# Sign up for creative classes at gallery

Report by **Henry James**

**PEOPLE looking to start a new hobby are being invited to sign up for some creative classes at the Chapel Gallery.**

For young people aged eight – 18 years old there is the Chapel Gallery Art Club, with opportunities for those who enjoy being creative and learning new skills.

Professional artists Sarah Jane Richards, Emma Blackburn and Gill Smith plan sessions to enable young people to widen their understanding of the arts.

The Chapel Gallery is also a centre for the national accredited Arts Awards Scheme and a number of art club students have earned awards.

There are different art club sessions for different age groups each Saturday. People should contact the West Lancashire Borough Council-run Gallery on 01695 571328 or email chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk for more details.

For adults they offer the established Life Drawing classes. These sessions run once a month on Thursday from 7pm – 9pm. These classes are for all ranges of ability. Sarah Jane Richards facilitates the sessions and a professional model is used. Materials are provided but people can bring their own.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Come along and join in this great sessions at the Gallery. They are very enjoyable for artists of all abilities."

New Gallery sessions being planned for 2016 include creative activities for younger children and families. These will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest so contact the gallery if this is something you or your family are interested in.

Creative start is aimed at pre-school children and parents to work together on creative projects. These sessions will be facilitated by an artist.

Creative Foundations is a session that encourages creative thinking and basic skills such as colour mixing and cutting. It is aimed at children from five – seven who will feel comfortable being left by themselves with a session facilitator.

Write Stuff is a group for young people aged 11 – 18 with a keen interest in creative writing and enjoy writing for fun. This is an opportunity to work with a professional writer Sarah Schofield and find out how to take your writing further.

For further information regarding the new developments and term dates and fees for art club and life drawing please contact the Gallery.

For more information about the Gallery visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/chapelgallery or www.chapelgallery.org.uk

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# Former soap star appearing at theatre

*THE performer and actor Martin Kemp is to appear at The Atkinson on May 21 at 7.30pm.*

*Kemp is a member of Spandau Ballet which has had hits all around the globe and their songs include the multiple UK Top 10 songs including Gold, Only When You Leave and the No 1 smash True.*

*Kemp's acting skills were praised in the major hit film The Krays in which he starred with his brother Gary – following this he appeared in many high profile roles in the States including Highlander: The Series.During this evening, Kemp will share stories about the Spandau journey, but also his acting career, even as a child he was on BBC1's Jackanory.*

*He played Steve Owen in East-Enders.*

editorial@champnews.com

# Bootleg Beatles aiming to bring fab evening to resort

THE Bootleg Beatles are returning to Southport Theatre on Thursday, March 17 and are aiming to bring a fab evening to the venue.

The band will be bringing their renowned string and brass ensemble to their forthcoming concert.

Since their inception in 1980 they have performed hundreds of gigs across the globe, earning themselves an amazing reputation along the way.

George Martin himself described the Bootleg Beatles experience as, "A terrific show".

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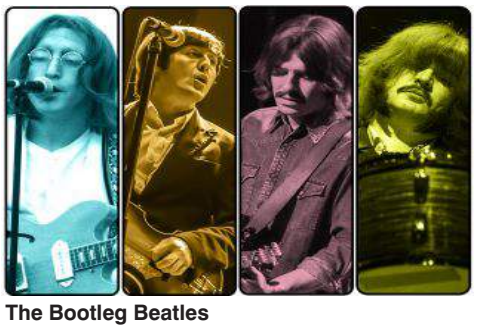

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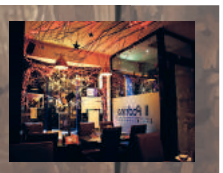

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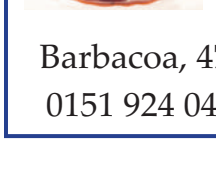

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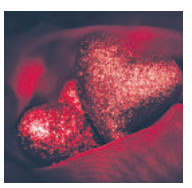

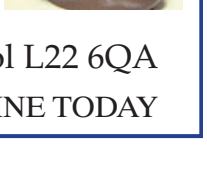

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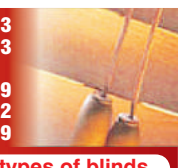

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We are looking for Support Workers who can demonstrate compassion and empathy in their approach to caring for people with learning disabilities, and for older people. Have you experience, either through previous roles in social care or in other roles. You will be providing personal care to the adults who live at St Joseph's, as well as supporting them to take part in a wide range of activities that is meaningful to each individual as well social occasion.

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INTERVIEWS: Wednesday 24th February 2016

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**9th August 1937 - 6th February 2015**

A year has passed and words alone cannot even begin to express just how much you are loved and missed.
In loving memory, husband Dave, children Dave & Dorothy, Christine & Gary, John & Lilian, Susan & Mark, Gillian & Paul and Ann Marie. Grandchildren Philip, Paul, John, Matthew, Kelly, Kathryn, Claire and Pauline.

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## DEATHS

### ELLIOTT EMILY MARY

**Passed away peacefully 23 Jan 2016**

Beloved wife of Dave, mother of Les, nanny of Olivia and Kian, sister of Ken and Tom, Aunt of Tracey, Rebecca, Vicky, great Aunt and great great Aunt. Service at St Helens crematorium at 3.30pm on 01 Feb 2016. Donations to Queenscourt Hospice in lieu of flowers.

## DEATHS

### WRIGHT MARY (BETTY)

**26th January 2016**
**Suddenly in hospital, aged 80 years**

Loving Wife of the late Ronnie, much loved Mum of Carole and Joanne, dear Mother In Law of Pete, devoted Sister of Anne and cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Michaels Church, Dalton on Thursday 4th February at 1.15 followed by committal at St Helens Crematorium.
All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane, Tel 01695 559868

### WRIGHT MARY (BETTY)

**26th January 2016**

Death
leaves
a heartache
no one
can heal.
Love
leaves a
memory
no one
can steal.

Good night
Betty,
God Bless,
Daniel X
and
Annie X

## DEATHS

### WRIGHT MARY (Betty)

**On 26th January 2016**

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. Thanks for the memories, God bless Betty, love Gail, Jimmy. James and Sam

Good night, God bless, Betty Biscuit, gonna miss you, Love Thomas

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Loved with a love beyond telling, missed with a grief beyond all tears, forever in our hearts, sleep tight Betty, love Kendell and Martin

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### WRIGHT MARY (Betty)

**On 26th January 2016**

My lovely Nanna Betty, just don't know what to say. No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye, gone before we knew it and only God knows why. Love you always and forever Nan, lots of love Granddaughter Kelly and Great Grandsons Conor and Cole

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### WRIGHT MARY (BETTY)

**On 26th January 2016**

We close our eyes as we wipe our tears.
We just keep wishing you were here.
So we'll hold all memories deep in our hearts, so we will never be far apart.
Love Niece Nicola and Billy.
(Have a nice sleep with the angels Betty.
Alfie X, Maggie X)

## DEATHS

### WRIGHT MARY (BETTY)

**On 26th January 2016**

To my lovely sister Betty, trying to put pen to paper is breaking my heart. We did everything and went everywhere together. We've laughed, cried and shared many a secret, but things will never be the same again, so I can't say goodbye. Instead I will look for you in rainbows high up in the sky.
I will miss you forever.
Your broken hearted
Sister Anne X X

### WRIGHT MARY (Betty)

**On 26th January 2016**

There are no words to describe the pain in our hearts, we simply don't know where to start. Whenever we needed you, you were always there, you were taken far too soon and life will never be the same. Good night, God bless for now Nan, until we meet again, Granddaughter Stacey, Sion and Great Grandson Milo

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### WRIGHT MARY (Betty)

**On 26th January 2016**

Mum, the pain I am feeling is understood so well, I've lost a precious person I loved more than words can tell.
Kind, unique, loving with such a special touch, you are truly wonderful and we will miss you so very much. Good night, God bless, your broken hearted Daughter Joanne, Grandchildren Laykin, Beau, Rownie and Great Grandson Chay.

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## DEATHS

### WRIGHT MARY

**On 26th January 2016**

Mum, your life was full of loving deeds, forever thoughtful of our special needs.
Today, tomorrow, my whole life through, I will always love and cherish you. You will always be in my thoughts, miss you and love you forever,
your broken hearted
Daughter Carole and
Son In Law Pete

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### HOWELL AUDREY

**January 27th 2016**
**Peacefully at St Josephs Hospice**
**Aged 83.**

Reunited with her loving Husband Albert. Much loved Mum of Stuart & Wendy. Dear Nan of Carl, Carys and Erin. Funeral service at St Lukes Church, Crosby on Tuesday February 9th at 2pm followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to St Josephs Hospice c/o H. Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 9244805.

### RAWLINSON GEORGE DONALD

**19th January 2016**
**Aged 87 years.**

Late of Oxford.
Beloved Husband of Frances, Father to Stephen, Graham and Elaine, Grandad to Kristian, Daniel, Matthew, Nathan and Chris, Great-grandad to Logan and Eliza. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 8th February at 11:20am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Relief UK. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

## DEATHS

### DRAPER EDWARD MARTIN

**26th January 2016**
**Aged 82 years**

Devoted and much loved Husband of Audrey.
A loving, supportive Dad to Rachel and Richard, Father-in-law to David and Julie, loving Grampy to Rebecca, Andrew, James, Lisa, Matthew and Emma, dear Brother of Margaret.
A Service of Remembrance is to be held at Liverpool Road Methodist Church on Monday 8th February at 11:00am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for British Heart Foundation and British Lung Foundation. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

### PRICE JEAN

**25th January 2016**
**Peacefully in hospital aged 69 years.**

Devoted Mum of Gary and Simon, dear Mother-In-Law of Lisa, cherished Nan of Jack, Caitlan and Abbey, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Pauls Church on Friday 5th February at 9:15am followed by committal at St Helens Crematorium. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane, Tel: 01695 559868

### ROWE ANGELA DANTON

**23rd January 2016**
**Aged 74 years.**

Loving Daughter of Mary Jean and the late Cecil Pierre. She will be greatly missed by all her close friends. Funeral service at St. Simon & St Jude With All Souls Parish Church on Tuesday 9th February at 11:00am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Donations in lieu of flowers are being gratefully received for British Red Cross. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

## DEATHS

### BROWN GLENYS

**Passed away peacefully at Wigan Infirmary on 23rd January 2016 aged 73 years.**

Beloved Partner of Charlie (Deceased) loving Mother of Paul, Dean And Stephen. Loved Grandma of Lois and Toni-Louise. Glenys will be a sad loss to all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Upholland Parish Church on Friday 5th January 2016 at 10.30am followed by committal at Wigan Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in memory to Derian House Children's Hospice c/o the funeral director. All enquires to R.Banks & Son (Funerals) Ltd. Stretton House,23 Hall Green,Upholland,Wigan.Tel (01695)622099

### TIMSON (NEE SHANNON) EILEEN

**Timson (nee Shannon)**
**31 January 2016**

Wife of Joseph (Dec'd), mum to Tony, Michael, Martyn and Donna, Mother in law, Nan and great-nan. Funeral service at St Richards, Skelmersdale, Tuesday 9th February at 11:15am followed by Southport Crematorium at 12:40pm. Flowers welcomed.
All enquiries to H. Hardman & Co. Skelmersdale, 01695 722122

### WOODS NEE BROWN SALLY ANN

**27th January 2016**
**Aged 52 Years**

Dearly loved by family and friends.
Forever missed and forever in our hearts.
A funeral service will take place at St Peters Church Formby on Tuesday 9th February at 10.45am followed by committal at Springwood Crematorium at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please.
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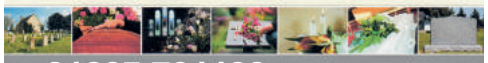
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**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROAD, HOLMESWOOD WEST LANCASHIRE)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over the following lengths of highway, in the borough of West Lancashire.

i. B5246 The Gravel for its whole length
ii. B5246 The Marshes Lane for its whole length
iii. B5246 Holmeswood Road for its whole length

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- A59 Liverpool Road – A565 Southport New Road and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable essential carriage way resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours until 1700 hours on Thursday 4th February 2016, to Friday 19th February, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/1696/ARH]

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**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(CARR MOSS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Carr Moss Lane from a point outside Heather Farm for a distance of 25 metres in either direction, in the borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Carr Moss Lane – Segars Lane – Mill Road – Heathfield Road – Guildford Road – New Cut Lane – Gregory Lane – A5147 Halsall Road – A5147 New Road – Carr Moss Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable telecommunications works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 0930 hours to 1530 hours on Monday 8th February 2016, and Tuesday 9th February 2016 or, until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/15/1708/ARH]

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(BRIDGE STREET, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015**
**(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016**

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers,

**HEREBY** makes the following Order:-

**The Lancashire County Council (Bridge Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2015**, is hereby temporarily amended in that:
i. To amend Article 2 as follows:
The prohibition will be operative from 0730 hours on Monday 7th December 2015, until 1600 hours on Friday 12th February 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Thursday 28th January 2016 and may be cited as "The Lancashire County Council (Bridge Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2015 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2016"

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: 15/1016/1ARH]

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**
**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015**
**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 PUBLICITY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

**PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2016/0009**
**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - CONSTRUCTION OF TWO KIOSKS; A BLOWER KIOSK AND AN ELECTRICAL KIOSK IN ASSOCIATION WITH DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO SERVE POPULATION GROWTH AND EU DIRECTIVES AT HESKETH BANK WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS, MARSH LANE, HESKETH BANK.**

I give notice that United Utilities is applying to the Lancashire County Council for the above development.

The proposed development is within Greenbelt.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, plans and documents at Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 26 February 2016.The application can also be viewed on the County Council's website **planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council by 26 February 2016 at the above address, via email DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.

Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page.

Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 5 February 2016

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**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, APPLEY BRIDGE, UPHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over the following lengths of highway, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

i. B5375 Appley Lane North from its junction with A5209 Hall Lane to its junction with B5375 Skull House Lane;
ii. Appley Lane North from its junction with B5375 Skull House Lane ti its junction with Appley Lane South;
iii. Appley Lane South from its junction with Appley Lane North to its junction with Bank Brow;
iv. Bank Brow from its junction with Appley Lane South to its junction with Roby Mill;
v. Roby Mill from its junction with Bank Brow to its junction with Stoney Brow;
vi. Stoney Brow from its junction with Roby Mill to its junction with College Road;
vii. College Road from its junction with Stoney Brow to its junction with the A577 Grove Road

An alternative route for vehicles affected by the prohibition is as follows; A577 Grove Road - A577 Parliament Street - A577 School Lane - A577 Orrell Road - B5206 Gathurst Road - B5206 Gathurst Lane - B5206 Broad Lane - B5206 Shevington Lane - A5209 Crow Orchard Road - A5209 Hall Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours on Monday 29th February 2016 until 1530 hours on Tuesday 22nd March 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/15/1239/ARH]

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(RING O BELLS LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor from proceeding over that length of Ring O Bells Lane from its junction with A5209 Briars Lane to its junction with Moss Bridge Lane, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicles affected by the closure is as follows: Hoscar Moss Road - Wanes Blades Road - Deans Lane - B5246 Hall Lane - B5246 Rufford Road - B5246 Diamond Jubilee Road - A59 Causeway Lane - A59 Moss Lane - A59 Liverpool Road North - A5209 Junction Lane - A5209 Briars Lane - and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours until 1700 hours on Monday 1st February 2016 to Friday 5th February 21016, or until completion of the works within this period.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/1688/ARH]

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**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(HOSCAR MOSS ROAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle, from proceeding over that length of Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom, for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Hoscar Moss Road level crossing, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: -

Hoscar Moss Road - Wanes Blade Road - Mains Lane, Bispham - B5246 Hall Lane, Bispham - Robin Lane, Wrightington - B5246 Chorley Road, Wrightington - B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold - A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold - A5209 Ash Brow, Newburgh - A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh - A5209 Course Lane - A5209 Lowry Hill Lane - A5209 Briars Lane - Ring O Bells Lane - Hoscar Moss Road and vice versa.

Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable essential maintenance works to the level crossing.

The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Monday 15th February 2016 until 0700 hours on Tuesday 16th February 2016, or until completion of the works within this period;

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref - HRiT/08/1740/ARH]

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**West Lancashire Borough Council**
**Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15**

**APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

Application No: 2015/1161/FUL Construction of building for biomass boiler and change of use of land to nature habitat at Lavender Barn/ Mill House Farm, Greens Lane, Downholland.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2016/0080/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2013/1172/FUL to amend the approved drawing list to be updated to include the following: Planning Layout drawing No: N954/P/PL01 revision K - To replace Amended Planning Layout drawing No: N954/P/PL01 revision 0. Landscape Structure Plan drawing No: M2302.01 revision C - To replace Amended Planning Layout drawing No: M2302.01 at Former Carmelite Convent, Stoney Brow, Roby Mill.

**APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING**

Application No: 2016/0049/FUL Ground floor extensions and internal alterations at Needless Inn Farm, Lady Alices Drive, Lathom.
Application No: 2016/0054/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters - Erection of 48 dwellings (including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) at Land At The Junction With Sluice Lane, New Road, Rufford.
Application No: 2016/0075/FUL Removal of Condition No. 30 imposed on planning permission 2013/1258/OUT relating to the removal of Code for Sustainable Homes at Henry Alty Ltd, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 3rd February 2016
Interim Director Planning PDNOT883

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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# The Land Rover Defender is a car we shouldn't lose

## Life On Cars
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IT'S FINALLY happened. A car that's spent the best part of two decades dodging the Grim Reaper has finally been offered a final parting drink and ordered out to face the music. The Land Rover Defender is no more.

Last Friday the whole of the motoring world seemed to sigh reflectively as the last of the traditional Land Rovers rolled off the Solihull production line, bringing 68 years of production to an end.

Not bad for something only ever intended as a stopgap to increase the number of cars the old Rover Car Company (remember them?) could export in the late 1940s.

The petrolhead parts of Facebook and Twitter lit up with misty-eyed tributes to the Land Rover, and footage of the final Defender even made it onto the BBC's news bulletins.

It's hard to think of any other car that'd provoke such an emotional response – people are genuinely sad to see it go, just as they were when the last Mini was finished off 16 years ago.

Yes, I know a big, boxy four-wheel-drive is hardly moving with these eco-conscious times and that EU safety rules were the final nails in its coffin.

I'm also aware that the Defender is fairly terrible to drive on the road, has no shoulder room whatsoever and handles corners like it's drunk, but in tricky situations on tough terrain it was the Ray Mears type you wanted by your side. Having grown up with them it was like a family friend, a sort of Labrador with locking differentials and transfer boxes.

My parents had a One Ten so I spent virtually all my childhood holidays, shopping trips, school runs and – shock, horror – off road outings in the back of one.

Inevitably, I'd end up getting taken to places like North Wales and the Lake District, where every farmer and mountain rescue team had one trundling around doing useful things.

There aren't many cars you can genuinely count as being British motoring institutions, but the Land Rover is definitely one of them.

hat's before I mention all the foreign battlefields, remote African villages and Outback farms they've been serving in for generations.

It has one heck of a CV, which is why I'm hardly surprised Land Rover hasn't yet lined up something to replace it. Farewell, old friend. I'm sure I can't be the only one saddened that one of Britain's best known exports is no more.

The Defender production line will now be used to restore old Land Rovers

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## Jaguar is preparing to launch their fastest production car next month

THE COMPANY is preparing to launch its fastest production car since the XJ220 went out of production. It will be launched at the Geneva Motor Show next month. The manufacturer hasn't given much away about the technical details of its new F-Type SVR, but has said the sharpened version of the coupe and two-seater roadster will be capable of hitting 200 miles per hour.

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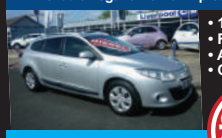

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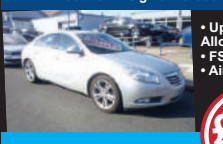

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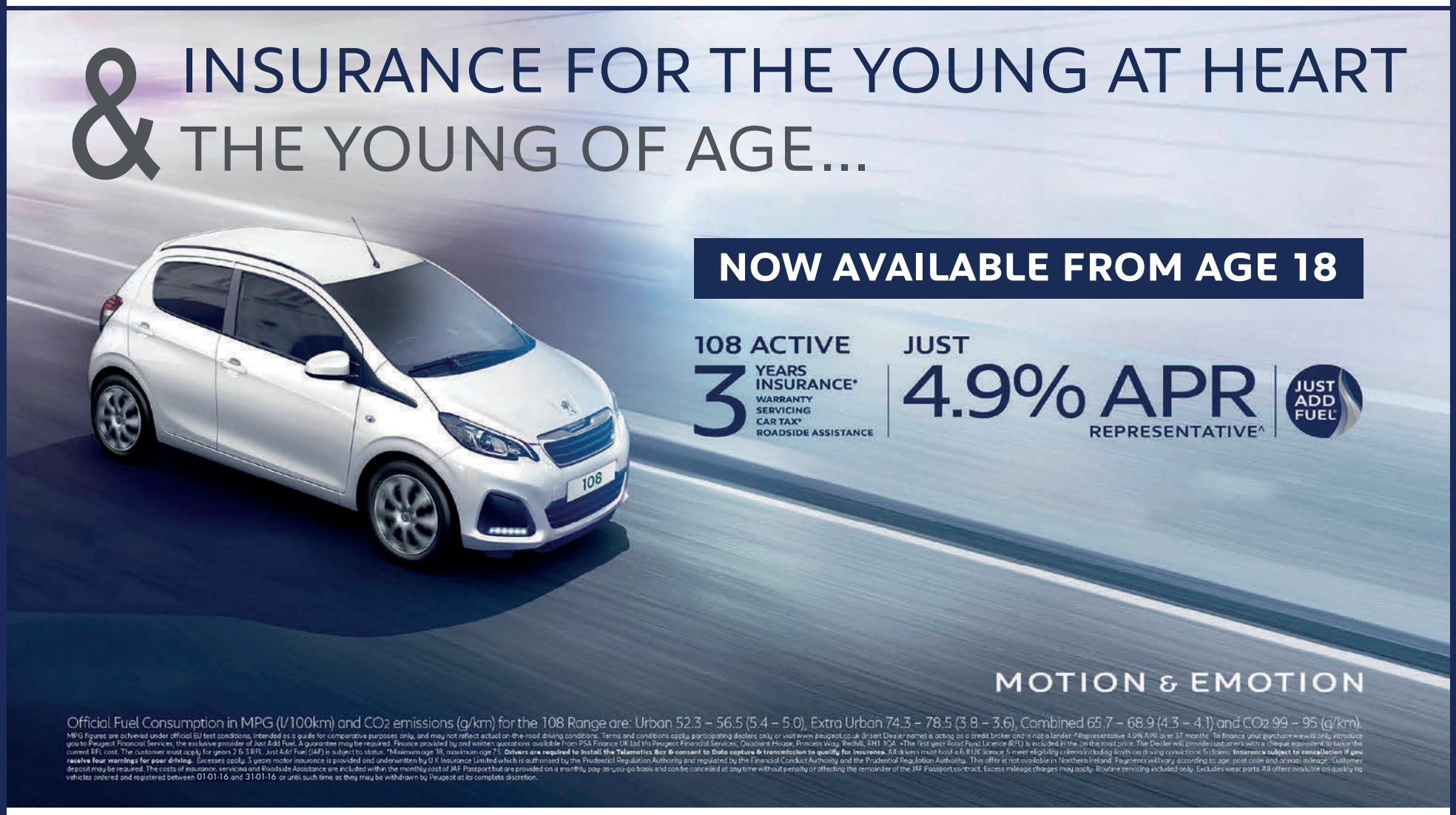


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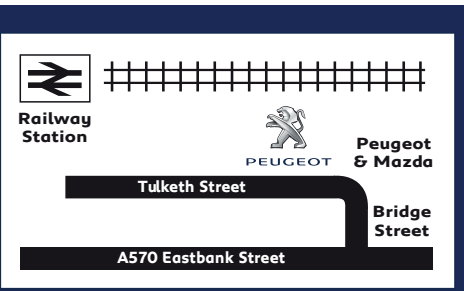

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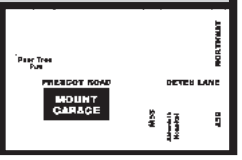

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# Hazeldine close late on to snatching victory

**Skelmersdale United 1**
**Ramsbottom United 1**

SKELMERSDALE went very close to a second victory in eight days at home to the strugglers from East Lancashire, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

Fighting back from a goal down, Tommy Lawson's depleted troops came close to grabbing a winner, culminating in a shot that rocked the crossbar four minutes from time, but just couldn't finish the job off.

The first-half was a scrappy affair but on 31 minutes, the referee awarded a penalty to Ramsbottom for handball.

Former Skelm midfielder Alex Meaney hit the spot-kick low to the right, but former Ramsbottom goalkeeper Martin Fearon dived to his left to save comfortably.

Six minutes later when Ramsbottom took the lead Skelmersdale could have no complaints.

The ball was crossed from the right to the left and fed back into the penalty area, from an angle about 15 yards from goal defender Nia Bayunu hit a right foot shot into the bottom corner.

Players in a goalmouth scramble. Picture by John Driscoll.

Skelmersdale emerged from the break with a determined look and twice were thwarted from positions before they levelled on 50 minutes.

Left-back Louis Corrigan carried the ball into the Ramsbottom half then chipped a precise ball over the Ramsbottom defence, Hazeldine ran onto it, held off a challenge and with a clinical finish slotted past advancing goalkeeper Shenton.

After a lull the game woke up again on 75 minutes, Robbie Booth turned and put the ball into goalmouth but Almond was unable to provide the finish, before at the other end Skem got a scare as a Bayunu shot was headed off the line by Strickland.

Strickland has recently revelled in his new anchor role at the back of the midfield and many thought he was man of the match for Skelmersdale.

Just to emphasise the point in 86 minutes he sent a wonderful ball through the Ramsbottom defence to Hazeldine, the young striker unleashed a thunderous shot but instead of the net rippling the crossbar rocked.

It probably said plenty about the way the game had gone for Skem on the night - so close again.

# Skem hope for return of injured players as busy schedule ahead

Report by Neil Leatherbarrow

Skelmersdale have a busy month ahead with seven league games scheduled, but much will depend on the weather conditions.

Like most clubs in the north west of England Skelmersdale are suffering with the wet weather and they have already had five games postponed at Stormy Corner.

However, last night's match (Tuesday) at home to Hyde United was set to go ahead, mainly because the wind had dried the pitch out.

Skelmersdale have already played Hyde twice this season in the FA Trophy and after a replay they emerged victorious, so Tommy Lawson will have had every reason to be optimistic going into last night's match.

Saturday sees Skelmersdale travel over to County Durham to play Darlington 1883.

Skelmersdale do get a break next midweek and then face a pair of home games.

Ilkeston travel up to Skem on Saturday, February 13 and last week's postponed match at home to Rushall Olympic has been hastily re-arranged for Tuesday, February 16.

Further games this month for the Skelmersdale supporters notebook are; Frickley Athletic away on Saturday, February 20, Ramsbottom United away on Tuesday, February 23 before a home game against Grantham Town on Saturday, February 27.

Skelmersdale will be buoyed going into the busy spell by a number of players who are returning to strengthen Tommy Lawson's hand at an important time of the season.

Defender Tony Rendell who has been out with severe cold should be back to full fitness now, Paul Woolcott is also a welcome returnee to his midfield role after having an enforced absence due to work commitments.

Ged Kinsella has been suffering with a knock and is also expected to be back to fitness for the Hyde game.

It is not known whether Tom Ince will be available, but forward Yaw Gyimah is hopeful of having recovered from an ankle injury that he picked up on the artificial surface at Sutton Coldfield.

Left-back Shaun Holden is steadily improving, but is not expected to be back in the team for about three or four weeks yet.

Two youngsters have registered this week, one from Southport Will Meredith and another from AFC Fylde Dylan Vassallo, both are forwards and a brief chat with Tommy Lawson reveals that they are more in the promising department, have impressed at training and he intends at least one of them playing some part in the Hyde match.

# Home games give Linnets chance to pick up points

BURSCOUGH were scheduled to host Kendal Town last night (Tuesday) as they bid to record back-to-back league wins for the first time since December.

The Linnets will then face Farsley Celtic this Saturday at home with a 3pm kick off.

Before last night's fixtures, Farsley were only one point behind Burscough so this weekend's game could prove vital in the play-off race.

Burscough last played Kendal Town back in August when they lost 2-1. It was only their second game of the season in what proved to be a difficult start to the season for the Linnets with no wins in their first three games.

Since that spell, they have been on a tremendous form which has seen the side firmly in contention for a play-off place.

Having come through a sticky patch in January with three successive league defeats, the side has hopefully turned a corner by beating Brighouse Town on January, 23.

As for this weekend's tie, it's the first time that the Linnets will face Farsley Celtic this season but they will soon become familiar with each other with the return league tie to take place this month.



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